Information from Nobel Industries and West Germany on commissions

2237. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has seen the Press reports to the effect that Nobel Industries' Chief of Information has said that if India asked for names of persons to whom commissions and other payments have been made by Bofors, they will give out all the details;

(b) whether Government have since asked the Nobel Industries/Bofors for such information; and

(c) what has been the results of Indian inquiry to the FRG Government to make available details of the payment in submarines case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): a) Yes, Sir. However, contrary reports also appeared in the Press on 28.6.87 attributing to the President of Nobel Industries a statement that Bofors would not answer the Indian Government's question on who received the alleged payments.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government had asked Bofors for such information on the 16th June, 1987

(c) The reply of the West German Government has been received and is being examined.

Purchase of anti-radiation missiles from Soviet Union

2238. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the development of anti-radiation missile (ARM) by the Soviet Union which can render the US AWACS, being acquired by Pakistan, useless and ineffective; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to purchase these missiles from USSR or to develop the technology within the country with Soviet collaboration; if so; what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Government are aware of some information on this subject published in certain Western Defence Journals. However, Government have no authentic information regarding the development on an Anti-Radiation Missile (ARM) by the Soviet Union which can counter the AWACS. The question, therefore, of procuring these missiles or their technology would not arise for the present.

Export of computers

2239. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computer manufacturers in the country are being asked by Government to export part of their production; if so, what are the figures of export, both in terms of money and numbers of computers and the allied products exported during the last three years;

(b) what are the projections of exports of computers and the allied products during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90.

(c) what are the details of various steps being taken by Government to ensure that computer manufacturers increase the exports; and

(d) whether Government are contemplating any change in their policy